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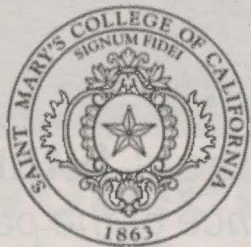
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Busting myths about illegal immigrants in the United States

by Natasha Davis

Staff Writer

What is citizenship? The authors of *Gardens of Democracy*, Nick Hanauer and Eric Liu, said that "Citizenship is the amount of responsibility we take for the well being of those around us. No exceptions."

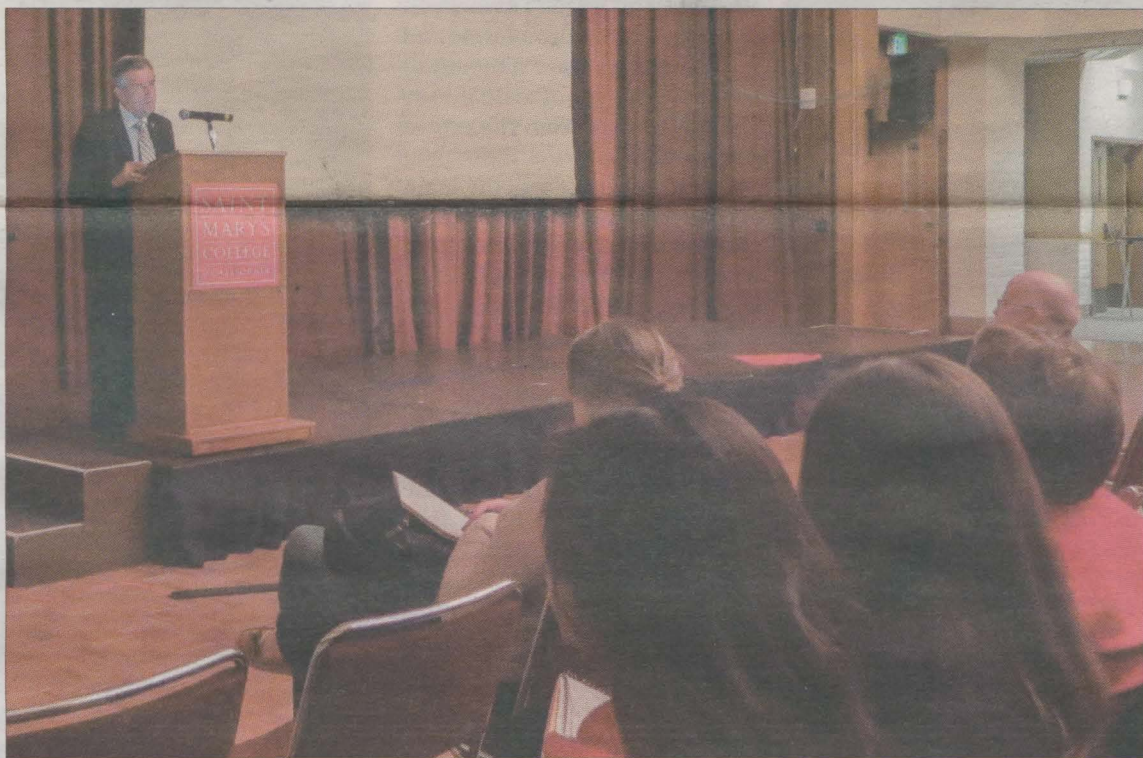
When Jose Ivan Arreola spoke at the Undocumented Students talk on October 25, he used this idea to define citizenship. It stands to reason that being born in this country is not reason enough to make someone a true citizen. This is what undocumented immigrants struggle for everyday—the ability to prove that their citizenship in this nation is defined by their actions and their character, not by where they were born.

Jose Ivan Arreola came to this country when he was four years old. He did not fully understand his status until he was much older, but when he was five years old and began to attend school, his mother told him not speak Spanish and not tell anyone about where his parents were from. Born in Mexico, he and his parents were undocumented immigrants in this country. While working through his struggle with being an undocumented student, he excelled in high school and attended Santa Clara University where he received his degree in political science, history, and ethnic studies. He now works as the outreach manager for Educators For Fair Consideration, an organization that helps undocumented youth find a path to college.

He spoke about the many complaints that undocumented immigrants should just immigrate through legal means, that they are stealing our jobs, and that they are a drain on resources that they do contribute to, just to name a few. All of these attacks are misrepresentations and mislead people to believe that undocumented immigrants are trying to take advantage of our country's wealth, when in reality, they contribute more to the economy than the resources they use. Arreola also said something mindboggling, telling how his road to becoming a legal immigrant brought him to face a system that would take him 23 years to become an American citizen and have to deal with close to twenty types of visas.

Undocumented immigrants and students in particular are locked in an ongoing struggle to make people understand that they are no less citizens than those who were born here, and those who were lucky enough to be born here must exercise the rights afforded to them to fight for those who were not as lucky.

Is there a war on religious liberty?



Katie Maccariello/COLLEGIAN

by Matt Ringard

Assistant Opinion Editor

As part of the Theology and Religious Studies Speaker Series, Douglas Kmiec gave a lecture called "The Declared, but Non-Existent, War on Religious Freedom to Which No One Reported for Duty" on Thursday, October 25. Mr. Kmiec served as chief legal counsel to Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush and was an advisor to Mitt Romney's presidential campaign in 2008. After Mr. Romney dropped out of the race, Mr. Kmiec stirred controversy when he endorsed Barack Obama. His endorsement was met with both praise and backlash, and he was even denied communion at a Mass in

California. From 2009 to 2011, he served as the ambassador to Malta, and he is currently the Caruso Family Chair in Constitutional Law at Pepperdine University. Mr. Kmiec was invited to Saint Mary's to discuss Catholicism and its relation to current political issues, as well as the importance of religious liberty.

Mr. Kmiec was introduced by Professor Tom Poundstone of the Theology and Religious Studies Department, who outlined the speaker's career and invited students to present the ambassador with "tough questions" after the lecture, as he could surely handle them. Mr. Kmiec began the lecture with an explanation of Catholics in the United States as a cru-

cial voting bloc. According to him, roughly 27% of the voting populace in 2008 was Catholic. He then explained his rationale for endorsing Barack Obama in 2008 despite his own conservative Catholic views, background, and disagreements with some of Obama's policies, particularly on the issue of abortion. The ambassador, who sees Catholicism as, "a way of participating in the community...of being guided by things that really matter," took the social justice perspectives of the Church and used them to analyze the candidates for president. He ultimately selected Obama for "his ability to find common ground."

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Hope for a peaceful Middle East

by Evelyn Minaise

Staff Writer

On Tuesday, October 23, students and faculty members gathered to better understand a long-debated question in politics and in modern-day society: is peace in the Middle East possible?

Hosted by members of the Mission and Ministry Center, Brother David Carroll held a talk about the deeply-rooted issues of the Middle East. MMC members heard Brother David speak at a conference and invited him to do the same at Saint Mary's. Brother David has extensive experience in working with interreligious groups through Catholic and international associations such as the United Nations. He shared his knowledge on issues such as the Palestinian-Israeli conflict by describing ancient history, modern history, and the context of hope and peace in the region. By detailing the events as best as he could in an hour, Brother David communicated how the problems of the Middle East are engrained and entrenched in it.

Brother David explained that the Holy Land has been politically involved since Biblical times. Kingdoms and empires, the rise and fall of new leaders and religions—many groups of people factored into the developing convoluted problems. All of these problems, however, arose because of the Middle Eastern tribal culture, where groups of people cling to and are loyal to one another. He called for his listeners to remember that war involves people, not just ideas. War also displaces people; refugees are a problematic result of any war.

He went on to explain how refugees in the Middle East change countries' demographics, making the Israeli-Palestinian conflict convoluted.

"Peace is one of those goofy words," Brother David said as he launched into his discussion on hope, if it was possible at all. Conflicts are made and sustained by people, so we have the power to stop them. Brother David proposes that hope is a possibility, just not yet. Peace can only be pursued when the right factors are in place. Despite describing a long history of peril, Brother David's hopeful conclusion left everyone in the room with a better understanding as well as a sense of hope. Brother David's proposal to put peace into the hands of the youth is daunting, but he reminded the audience that small steps can get anyone there, even the Middle East.

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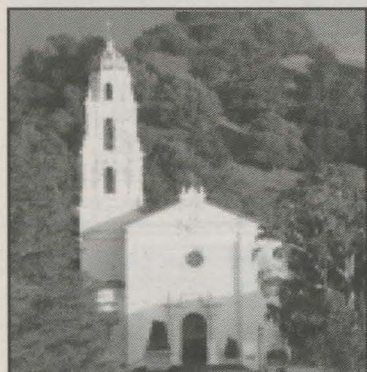
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How knowing one's history can help to change one's future

Does history matter? Professors and students discuss importance of the past

by William Lane
Staff Writer

It is a question that has been posed since the beginning of time by a variety of souls: college students looking at their gen-ed requirements; parents inquiring into their son or daughter's choice of a major in an already tight job market; Board of Education officials looking to implement budget cuts. Maybe, behind their sarcastic or exasperated tone lies curiosity and child-like wonder. Perhaps they are musing in awe of the magnitude of the question.

It is doubtful, but whatever their motivation may be, the History Department took the time to answer them during the "Does History Matter?" panel on October 23. The event featured Professor Aeelah Soine, professor of European history; Monica Fitzgerald, assistant professor

in Saint Mary's Liberal and Civic Studies department; and Denise Witzig from the Women and Gender Studies program. Along with Chair of the History Department and discussion moderator Professor Myrna Santiago, they gave their thoughts on the matter.

"It is usually a question that implies that history really doesn't matter," said Professor Soine. "It is posed usually within the already stressful context of curriculum wars, budget negotiations, or by ones parents when they hear you plan to become a professional historian." She went on to describe how she didn't think there was a simple answer to a question about such a complex field.

However, as the panel made clear, this complexity doesn't mean history is only for those at the top of the ivory tower. "For me," said Professor Fitzgerald,

"history is personal and political, and I think it allows all of us to connect in different ways to our past." She described how her mom told her stories as an observer of the Civil Rights Movement and other historical currents of the 20th Century, and how this inspired Fitzgerald to become a historian. Professor Witzig, meanwhile, talked about how in 1998, students at Saint Mary's drew inspiration from the student movements of the 1960s and marched through the campus to demand a greater say in student government.

Another reason for history's importance, all of the panel members said, was that it helps to combat cherry picking or misleading claims. "We'd like to pretend that we ended racism, we like to pretend that women achieved equality," said Professor Fitzgerald. "There are all these false narratives, and I real-

ized that the only way to create change address social justice issues is to study history." Professors Witzig and Soine also noted how it was all too common for the presidential candidates this election cycle to cherry-pick certain (and partially fictional) narratives about the "good old times."

At this point, Professor Santiago opened the floor for any audience members who wanted to ask questions. The panel received questions regarding not only about the value of history, but about also the nature, methods, and practices. At one point, Professor Santiago invited another history professor in the audience, Professor Carl Guarneri, to add his thoughts about another audience member's question. Without a doubt, people will continue to ask "Why does history matter?" but hopefully at least a few of them are closer to the answer.

Halloween Bash brings creative costumes, fun, and a lot of candy

Campus Activities Board hosts a night of Halloween fun—minus the trick or treating

by Tori Stringer
Staff Writer

Students gathered in their best costumes on Friday night to celebrate the most haunting holiday of the year. Though it's not quite Halloween yet, that didn't stop students from going all out for the Halloween Bash. Students got really creative for this fun event, dressing up in a wide variety of creative, fun costumes.

The dance was organized and promoted by the Campus Activities Board, whose members were all dressed in baseball-inspired costumes. CAB not only provided an entertaining dance for the students, but they also offered other Halloween-inspired attractions. In one of the side rooms of the Soda Center, a Halloween movie was playing, a psychic was there for people who wanted to see what was in their future, there was a photo booth for students to get pictures with their friends documenting their fun night and various costumes, and plenty of Halloween treats such as popcorn, cookies, and candy apples were available. The photo booth was a huge hit with the students with a fairly long line trailing from it most of the night. There was also a mystery box game in which students could put their hands in a box and guess what was enclosed. These other options were surprisingly popular, and

having them was a good way for students who weren't as keen on dancing to have a good time and for those who were dancing to have something fun to do if they needed a break from the crowd or music.

The dance itself was the main attraction of the event. The music blasted and was audible from outside the Soda Center. The room was dark with fun, colorful lights flashing around—an energizing atmosphere for the lively students. Most students looked like they were having fun with their friends throughout the night, although the consensus seemed to be that the music selection could have been better. The DJ played a lot of dub-step that had too slow a beat for most people to dance to. The highlight, musically, of the night was the playing of "Gangnam Style" which got attendees' energy up and had them doing the familiar moves that have flooded pop culture in the last few months. Though the music proved somewhat a disappointment, the costumes definitely did not. There were great group or duo costumes including Mario and Luigi, a Magic Mike inspired group of guys, the Powerpuff girls, and a few pairs of Thing 1 and Thing 2s. There were also great solo costumes including cowboys and cowgirls, flappers, animals, French maids, a sumo wrestler, and a banana.



Kimberly Lee/COLLEGIAN

This fun-filled night was a great way to celebrate a holiday that is typically reserved for younger kids. The turnout on Friday and the creativity in the costumes definitely prove that

nobody is too old for Halloween. CAB's hosting of the event created an enjoyable night for students while reminding them of the Halloween-loving kid inside everyone.

Crime Beat

10/21/2012 5:15 a.m.
Incident: Suspicious circumstances
Synopsis: Missing or stolen iPhone in Hagerty Lounge; suspended

10/21/2012 3:45 p.m.
Incident: Vehicle Accident
Synopsis: Hit and run in De La

Salle parking lot; closed
10/21/2012 8:46 p.m.
Incident: Student Handbook Violation
Synopsis: Possession of paraphernalia, marijuana and alcohol in Justin Hall; referred to Community Life

10/22/2012 7:35 p.m.
Incident: Information Only
Synopsis: Possible Marijuana use in Assumption Hall; referred to Community Life

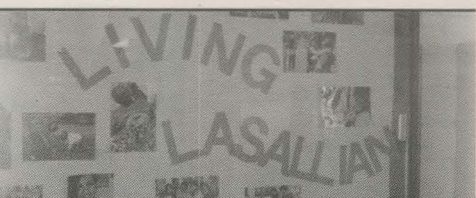
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Synopsis: Possession of parapher-

nalina in More Hall; referred to Community Life

10/23/2012 9:03 p.m.
Incident: Student Handbook Violation
Synopsis: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia in Claeys North; referred to Community Life.



The Collegian NEWS



FREEDOM: Former aid to Mitt Romney discusses state of religion

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then-Senator Obama, he asked him about his remarks on the "punishment" of an unwanted pregnancy. Mr. Obama responded that it was not the pregnancy that was the punishment—rather, it was the lack of frameworks to help poor or single pregnant women that deprived them of the joy of pregnancy. That was the punishment, and Mr. Obama wanted to create pre- and post-natal programs to alleviate these tragic circumstances. This satisfied Mr. Kmiec's disagreement with Mr. Obama's pro-choice position—the desire to create social justice, much like the Catholic Church teaches.

Mr. Kmiec then progressed to

the war on religious freedom. "I don't believe there is a war on religious liberty," he said, "at least not in this country." He does believe, however, that secularization such as that in Europe is suppressing the religious, and that such a war also exists in North Africa and the Middle East. "There is a war. It is on two fronts," he declared. In the world of Islam, there is a struggle for structure, freedom, pluralism, and the continuous efforts of some fundamentalists. He invoked the recent death of Ambassador Christopher Stevens in Libya as a consequence. However, the ambassador urged students to avoid writing off

faith "as incompatible with democracy," as many have done with Islam. He reminded students that just centuries earlier, Catholicism was similarly written off by figures such as the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, John Jay.

In the U.S., Mr. Kmiec asserted that there is no war on religious liberty ("Disputes, yes.") as long as the Establishment and Exercise Clauses of the Constitution are interpreted fairly. While he stresses the importance of religious freedom, the ambassador also stated that while citizens have the right to participate in public policy, "we should not always exercise it."

He cautioned against promoting faith through secular means and cited Proposition 8 as an example of the "imposition of perspective" that must be avoided.

Lastly, Mr. Kmiec admonished the widespread American attitude against community, which he deemed a result of "the cancer of libertarianism." He declared this attitude to be at odds with the founding of this republic, and with Catholicism, which is a "faith of solidarity."

Mr. Kmiec then finished the lecture with a recitation of President Obama's prayer, and proceeded to take questions from students.

Beyond the Bubble

Because there's a whole world out there...

Homeless man steals credit cards for 20 years

49-year-old Jeffrey Hawkins, a homeless man, was arrested October 23 for trespassing at the Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. Hawkins was discovered to have been living off of people's stolen credit cards for the past two decades, traveling the country and staying in various hotels and resorts. A search of his hotel room revealed that he had more than 100 credit card numbers. Hawkins had racked up over \$18,000 in charges at the hotel where he was discovered, and he

is currently being charged with trafficking in stolen credit cards, false statements, and fraudulent use of credit cards.

Woman dedicates 694 pounds of breastmilk to charity

Alicia Richmond, a young mother of one recently broke the Guinness World Record for "Most Breastmilk Donated" after she gave 11,115 ounces, or 694 pounds of her own breastmilk to charity. Although unusual, her donation has fed and nourished hundreds of babies across the United States, according to the

donation center.

Thousands brace for Hurricane Sandy

Thousands of residents on the East Coast were ordered to evacuate on Sunday as Hurricane Sandy loomed on the horizon. The hurricane is even threatening New York City, where it has officially been announced that its public transportation system will be shut down, along with its school system, which will leave 1.1 million students at home. Residents along the coast in Delaware, New Jersey, and Con-

necticut, along with other areas, are expecting winds of 80 m.p.h. or higher and walls of water 4 to 11 feet high.

Obie the Obese dog caught in custody battle

Obie, the once-77 pound dachshund who has since been rescued and is on his way to better health, is caught in the middle of a custody battle between those responsible for rescuing him. Nora Vanatta, the woman who has fostered Obie back to health, is fighting to keep him from the animal shelter where he came from.

Proposition fair held October 13 gives students the power to vote

Informative booths and passionate students help students understand propositions

by William Lane
Staff Writer

To the dismay of its organizers and some of its attendees, the Proposition Fair held on Wednesday, October 13 drew a relatively low turnout. The section of Ferroggiaro Quad which hosted the regular Wednesday barbecue had its usual number of students eating lunch, but the section where the fair was being held had a noticeably empty feeling to it. Instead of checking out the booths, most of the students simply left and went about their business once they had finished their food.

"There are not a lot of people. I kind of wished there were more," stated sophomore Marisa Soto, who was manning the Proposition

30 booth. Proposed by Governor Jerry Brown, this measure would prevent further cuts to education by raising the sales tax and the income tax rate on high earners. Recent polls show conflicting images, but the proposition's supporters and opponents appear to be in a dead heat. Soto is worried that students might not be aware of the proposition's relevance to their education, saying, "A lot of people assume that when it's the presidential election, you just vote for president. I don't know if a lot of people realize that [the propositions] they vote for or that they don't vote for will also affect them."

A few tables away from Soto, Saimack Sioshansi managed the table for Proposition 37, which would require genetically modi-

fied food to be labeled as such. He spoke of the same attendance issues, but he said that the people who did come to his booth were attentive and engaged. "I think the few people who have visited [our booth] have been listening, and that's all you can expect sometimes," he explained. "It's the critical thinkers that matter."

Currently, Sioshansi and other supporters of Prop 37 have a shrinking but still sizable lead over the measure's opponents. For the most part, however, the students were not particularly interested in seeing the Proposition Fair. Many of them were not even aware of the fair's nature. Sophomore Paige Gilliard said that she thought that this wasn't the right time to learn about the measures. "I feel like that's something you can research

on your own," she stated. Her friend echoed this response.

Off the side of the main event was another table, where senior Jessica Beltran, sitting next to a laptop, helped other students register to vote. She said that her table fared much better than the rest of the Proposition Fair. "We had a lot of people come today to register," she said, adding that the online registration option was particularly popular. Still, she wishes that the tables for the individual propositions drew more attention, saying, "We still need to do some work on raising awareness for the propositions." Despite the turnout, it is still important to remember the students who worked hard to bring a fair that shed light on issues that many students aren't even aware of.



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The Liberal Arts and the Common Good

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7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Soda Center
Contact Bill Sullivan
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Beyond Wiseguys: Italian Americans & The Movies

Thursday, November 1
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Hagerty Lounge
Contact Intercultural Center
x8545

Sesquicentennial Gala

Saturday, November 3
Treasure Island
6:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Register online

Panel: "A Song of Purple Summer": German Expressionism in Film, Theatre, and Art
Tuesday, November 6

LGBTQ Suicide Intervention:

The Trevor Project
Thursday, November 8
4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Delphine Lounge
Contact Intercultural Center
x8545

Spring Awakening

Thursday, November 8 – Saturday, November 10
LeFevre Theatre

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The Collegian OPINION



Anti-bully campaign uncouthly challenged

by Sara DeSantis

Opinion Editor

Many students from elementary school to college would agree that the first day of school is the most stressful. Coming back from a long break, they are faced with homework, a dress code, and sometimes bullies. So I wish I was still in elementary school when the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) began their Teaching Tolerance, which encourages students throughout the US to “identify, question and cross social boundaries.” Their current project is “Mix It Up At Lunch Day” on October 30, where 2,580 schools pledged to have their students sit and play with new kids at lunch in an effort to prevent bullying and end cliques. This program is beneficial because it immediately makes a change and could hopefully inspire kids to continually uphold the project goals.

Unfortunately, it seems that anything good that happens has to be met with opposition. The American Family Association (AFA) published a press release on October 3 where they accused SPLC of using Mix it Up Day to “establish the acceptance of homosexuality into public schools.” In addition to their wildly inaccurate accusations, the AFA has also instructed parents to keep their children home on October 30 and to call the school explaining exactly why they have done so.

I’m pretty sure that Christians follow the teachings of Jesus Christ, who preached acceptance for one’s neighbors. Not allowing your children to go to school because you think an *anti-bullying* campaign will make them accepting of homosexuality is, first of all, completely ridiculous. Second, this goes against everything Jesus said that Christians claim to follow. How can parents who are bullies themselves and go against the teachings of the main being in their faith set a good example for their children? Well, they don’t.

Bryan Fischer, from the AFA, went so far as to liken the Mix It Up at Lunch Day program to “poisoned Halloween candy. Somebody takes a candy bar, injects it with cyanide, the label looks fine...It’s not until you internalize it that you realize how toxic it is.” Wait, really? Already, 200 schools have pulled out of the event. That means there are thousands of students who will miss out on learning important moral lessons.

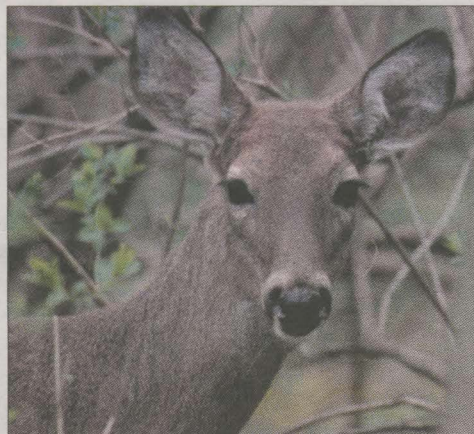
Although bullies often target gays and lesbians, the campaign was supposed to encompass bullying in its entirety. It is unfortunate that Mix It Up at Lunch Day, a program dedicated to fighting bullying and cliques that plague many elementary schools and send children home crying and hurt, has been attacked by a so-called Christian organization. Even more ironic is the organization’s reliance on cynicism and cruel parallels to oppose an anti-bullying campaign.

What Do You Fear?

Saint Mary’s deer have a sinister agenda

by Holland Enke

Staff Writer



Maybe it is because there are not too many of them roaming around back in Southern California. Or maybe it is because they seem to have absolutely no fear. Or maybe it is just because there are so many of them on this campus. For whatever reason, the deer on campus totally freak me out. As many people have pointed out to me, the deer are seemingly harmless and there are no reported events of massive deer attacks. Yet this does not reassure me. The deer here are everywhere and are rather confident: never running away from a person or avoiding an oncoming car. It is like they are provoking us, daring us to hurt a poor defenseless animal. I don’t trust them. The deer travel in packs, never break eye contact, and blend in flawlessly with our school’s woodsy background. I know the deer won’t bite or anything like that, but what if they go all *Lion King* on us and stampe? Whose fear will be irrational then? My fear is weird – many people have told me so – but I guess I am just not a fan of woodland creatures. Of course I would never hurt a deer, so as long as they keep their distance we will all be happy.

The creepy-crawly harbinger of doom

by Tori Stringer

Staff Writer



I am absolutely terrified of spiders. Big ones, small ones—it doesn’t matter. I am so terrified of them that I can’t even get near them to kill them. Most of the time I just end up having a stare-down with the spider and then screaming if it moves. Then, I’ll leave the room, desperately yelling for someone to come and save me from the terrifying monster that is attacking me, and come back to find the thing has moved and I can’t find it. I proceed to spend the rest of the day in terror always looking over my shoulder to see if it’s come back and constantly feeling like the spider is crawling on my legs or arms or head. Not to mention the taunting from whatever kind soul came to my rescue and thought I was making it all up when there was no hideous creature to be found. Then there are times when there is no one to come to my rescue and I have to find a way to kill the monster while staying as far away from it as possible, which never ends well. Seriously, I don’t want all the spiders on Earth to die or anything, but my life would be much easier if they would all leave me alone.

Death is a fuzzy yellow bug that buzzes

by Sara DeSantis

Opinion Editor



It’s the noise that gets me first. I hear it on sunny days in the garden while weeding or picking veggies. Sometimes I’m eating lunch outside and it comes from the bushes behind me. We all can place that noise: the low buzzing that appears in your ear when you least expect it. And we all know what they look like: fuzzy bodies, yellow and black, stingers. They crash barbecues, ruin pleasant days outside, and make small children and adults cry. Bees – why did it have to be bees?

When I was in third grade, a bee landed on my head and became tangled in my hair. It was singularly the most terrifying experience of my short, eight-year-old life and from that day on my dislike of bees evolved into a fear. The terror didn’t stop there. I would be in my room and would hear that noise again. Suddenly, I found myself ducking for cover and army crawling out into the hallway to escape the small monster that was currently attacking my ceiling. I am convinced that bees can teleport into rooms.

Whenever I hear that cursed buzzing noise, I lose control of my body and hit the floor like it’s an airstrike. Sometimes I flail my arms around and yell for help – generally, I just act like an idiot and hope that no one laughs (they do). Don’t get me wrong here – I really appreciate bees and what they do for the earth, and I am genuinely worried about the decline in their population. However, I wish they would just go about their business and leave me alone, so we can both enjoy the day.

Corkscrews are for bottles of wine only!

by Bridget Hanna

Contributing Writer



I’m afraid of a lot of different things: Spiders, snakes, the inevitable destruction of our world by the human race. I’m still afraid of zombies and hurricanes. And dying alone with seventy cats – that’s a big one. But for the life of me, I cannot figure out why on earth people insist on riding around in tiny cars on a three foot track way high up in the air only to come crashing back down. Why would anyone in their right mind get on a roller coaster? Am I the only one who has seen *Final Destination 3*? By getting on a roller coaster, you are begging Death to come at you, bros.

It’s the paralyzing sensation that creeps through my limbs and the inability to breathe that becomes a downer when you haven’t even strapped on the seatbelt yet. Don’t even get me started on the loop-de-loops and the corkscrew turns. Corkscrews are for bottles of wine only. There is no way it’s a good idea to strap yourself on with a few thin pieces of fabric into a little chair and let yourself be flung every which way before plummeting back to earth. It might be that part that scares me the most – the sensation where you are no longer connected to the ground. I’m afraid of too tall heels, so the idea of zooming upwards into unknown heights is terrifying. What if you happen to be zooming along and a bird comes out of nowhere and impales you through the skull with its beak? What if the track breaks down as you are on the ride, or your seatbelt snaps and you go flying out of the cart? There are so many ways to die on a roller coaster, yet for some reason people still ride them!

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New saints expand the Catholic Church

by CJ Cosas
Staff Writer

On Sunday, October 21, a landmark point in the Vatican's history was made as Pope Benedict XVI canonized seven new saints, one of which was the first ever Native American saint to be recognized by the Catholic Church. Kateri Tekakwitha, a 17th century Mohawk-Algonquin Native American, is now the patron saint of ecology, the environment, and the people associated, such as environmentalists and ecologists. This is a great step for the church as actions such as this show that the Vatican is in fact making steps to modernize in a way that is more inclusive to the rest of the world, especially toward ethnic Catholics and those indigenous to North America. Although this seems like a great motivation for canonizing such a saint, there seems to be a general consensus that there is a concurrent reason running along with the desire to expand the inclusiveness of the church.

Namely, that Pope Benedict XVI chose these seven saints as a way bolster the global faith. As one article stated, this was the Pope's move to "rebuff encroaching secularism." Arguably, the prominence and strength of the Catholic faith in recent years has been waning and it seems people are deviating from the faith.

The world is moving at a faster pace and things change quickly in this modern age of technology. So even though I think this is a good step for the church, I don't think its effects will be significant. The Vatican has been slow in updating its policies and beliefs to better accommodate a lot of the modern issues people now face. Although the rigidity of the church's doctrine worked for it in the past, that seems to be working it against it now.

I digress though, as perhaps the canonization of these saints has done more than I have accredited it. At the canonization ceremony, a conjectured 80,000 people showed up to watch. Dressed in traditional and ethnic clothing, such as leis or feathered headdresses, the crowd was definitely not the typical Catholic crowd one would expect. Just as an example, hundreds and perhaps even thousands of Native Americans were seen at the ceremony as they paid homage and showed their support for the canonization of the newly anointed Saint Kateri Tekakwitha.

As such, I think the church is learning, and I think this canonization of Saint Tekakwitha is a positive indicator of this. The struggle the church is having with the growing secularization of the world will be difficult. Signs of progression like this, though, are just what the church needs as it adapts to the new kind of society that is emerging. I don't know if this is enough to strengthen the Catholic Church, but it is certainly a way to bring attention back to the faith and hopefully rekindle people's belief.

Energetic end to the presidential debates

Obama and Romney explain differing plans for the nation

by Natasha Davis
Staff Writer

This presidential debate was an energetic conclusion to the debates for this election cycle. Although the debate was supposed to focus on foreign policy there were many moments when both candidates turned their attention to domestic policy instead. There was still talk of tax policy and education, especially from President Obama. The very interesting difference between this debate and the two previous ones was that President Obama was far more aggressive than Governor Romney. President Obama attacked Governor Romney with many humorous comments including the now infamous "horses and bayonets" one. On the other hand, Governor Romney agreed with President Obama on some of his points of view including China and the sanctions that have been put in place on Iran. Governor Romney did not attack the President as fervently as he had in the past two debates.

Both candidates attempted to answer the questions they were asked with the exception of the

detour into education. President Obama's style in this debate may have been a bit too aggressive, but I was happy that he finally used Governor Romney's flip-flopping record against him. The President needed to stand up for himself and point out the flaws



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in Governor Romney's "plan." The only reason that he seemed overly aggressive at times was because Governor Romney did not choose to respond in the same fashion only denying that any of the attacks were true. I do think it is depressing that the candidates need to implore the American people to fact check the debate since clearly both candidates have

misled us at different points in all three debates.

The "horses and bayonets" comment garnered the most attention during this debate because the President was using his considerable wit to poke holes in Governor Romney's justifica-

tion for more military spending. Regardless of the entertainment value of the comment, what the President said is a valid point because making the military bigger does not necessarily mean that it will be better. Allocating funds so that the new technological advances can be utilized with less money would be a positive move for the military and for the econo-

my. Another Romney blunder that has received media attention is his apparent lack of geographical knowledge in that Syria does not rely on Iran for access to the sea since it is surrounded on two sides by water. This lapse makes me a bit nervous that this man could be the Commander in Chief of the armed forces, but I'm sure if he does end up winning that the situation room has maps he can use.

These debates have been over-run with attacks, accusations, and snark, but they have given us two very different pictures and plans for the future of this nation. One is based on the success of small business, reducing the deficit, expanding the military and somehow not raising taxes. The other will ask the wealthy to contribute more, bring us out of the war in Afghanistan, and protect a woman's right to choose. This election is very important, as all elections are in a liberal democracy, because the victor will be leading us into a defining period in our history. Regardless of your political views, exercise your fundamental right, have your voice heard, and vote on November 6.

What Do You Fear?

Snakes...why did it have to be snakes?

by Lauren Lorge
Contributing Writer

Snakes. Since the beginning of time, people have known that snakes have evil inside them. After all it was not a cute panda bear that tempted Adam and Eve. There is a reason that a snake is the animal of choice to describe shady and conniving people. Obviously, like most people, a big part of my fear is the fact that some snakes are venomous. While I know that only a small percentage of snakes are venomous, when I see one I am going to be too freaked out to logically identify whether a snake is venomous or not. Be honest, could you? Furthermore, there are snakes that aren't venomous but can strangle a grown man to death. So now I have to worry about the possibility of being crushed to death by one if I am ever in the giant snake's natural habitat or one escapes from a nearby zoo. Also, what is so scary about snakes is that they are stealthy. The fact that they can sneak up without me noticing until it is too late is terrifying. Besides, snakes are just freaky looking creatures. They are just a wriggling, slithering tube of muscle. The no legs or arms thing they have going on helps with their stealthy ways. What is that? If they had legs, and therefore looked like lizards, I think I could better deal with them. Every other land based animal has some sort of legs. Get with the program, snakes. I am just thankful that I live in the suburbs and therefore am not likely to run into snakes anytime soon. I just have to avoid the reptile-rooms at the zoo.

You can never forget your first horror movie

by Matt Ringard
Assistant Opinion Editor

I fear horror movies: all kinds, really (though I do like certain psychological thrillers, like *Silence of the Lambs*). It probably stems from that one night, a few years ago (more recently than I'd like to admit), when I watched *The Exorcist* at home, alone. My mom came home to find me wrapped like a pupa in a blanket, all lights in the house ablaze, and ever since then, I've avoided horror movies. Which isn't easy, considering the miasmic surfeit of cheap slashers and horror stories Hollywood cranks out these days (*Saw XIV*, anyone?). I'm afraid of vampire movies (real ones, not the ones about crepuscular adolescents), movies that involve insane asylums or brutal extraterrestrials, movies with serial killers or movies like *Hostel* with appalling plots. The high-pitched violins, the shrieking damsels, that gushing sound of blood, all leave me cowering in a corner, Swiss Army knife in hand, wondering if that noise outside was my cat or those cadaverous creatures from *The Hills Have Eyes*. Over the summer my friends dragged me to *Prometheus*. "It'll be fun," they said. For them, I'm sure it was. I can only imagine my face when those scientists fall into that viscous black substance from which those worm-like things appear, or when Noomi Rapace surgically removes her alien baby. People can keep their horror movies with the blood, sweat, and tears and emotional trauma. When I need some suspense or an adrenaline rush, I'll just stick to getting out of my chair when I least expect it.

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Fashion Spotlight: Kate O'Regan



by Emma McNeilly
Contributing Writer

Elegant, classy, and sophisticated are only words that begin to describe the style of Kate O'Regan. She always stands out as she looks put together and fabulous, even in a school where most everyone gets dressed up and ready for class. Not only does she stand out from everyone else, but Kate speaks out as well. She has a fabulous fashion blog that is inventive and unique with constant updates that make it all the more interesting, which is especially impressive considering Kate is a full time student here at Saint Mary's. Jeans, T-shirts, and jewelry are all common pieces that everyone wears, but the different combinations and stylings of these items are what make Kate a fashionista. If that doesn't seem like enough, the fact that Kate is featured in *Lucky Magazine* makes her accomplishments even more commendable.

What sparked your interest in fashion?

Ever since I was a young girl, I would dress up in my mom's clothes and parade around the house. In junior high, I felt older than my years and always idolized celebrities wearing beautiful gowns and their red carpet style. I watched *The Devil Wears Prada* roughly 5 times a week and read fashion magazines on a daily basis. My interest sparked the most when I started to work in retail, realizing the full potential I could have in the fashion world.

Who do you look to for new ideas and trends?

My fashion inspirations and icons would have to be Audrey Hepburn, Olivia Palermo, Alexa Chung, Kate Middleton, Deborah Lloyd, and Grace Codrington.

What is your all-time favorite brand?

This is a tough one! My favorite everyday brand would have to be J. Crew for its easy classic style that carries from season to season. As for a designer brand I would have to pick Valentino for

the fabulous use of bows, pearls, glitter, color, and studs.

How would you describe your style?

My style is classic, feminine, bold, and colorful.

Where do you find the best deals on clothes?

As much as I love fashion, I love a good deal! TJ Maxx here in Moraga has amazing deals on designer apparel, handbags and shoes, giving you the basics you want, for half the price. For online deals I am always on The Outnet, Gilt, and Bluefly. Also, stores like J. Crew, Banana Republic, and Kate Spade all have student discounts, which is great for a college budget.

What made you want to start a blog?

I once saw a quote by Miuccia Prada that said "Fashion is instant language," and ever since then, I have always believed that fashion and genuine style can be a way to express your individual personality to others, without even knowing someone. With that in mind, I wanted to start a blog to be able to share my individual personal style with others to hopefully inspire.

Where do you get your ideas for the blog?

I am always inspired by other bloggers, Pinterest, and fashion magazines like *Lucky*, *Harper's Bazaar*, and *Vogue*. I am always scouring the Internet for new ways to revamp what is already in my closet, too.

How often do you shop?

I have to admit, I love to online shop and am always looking for new things to add to my wardrobe, but I make outings to shop in Walnut Creek or San Francisco about two or three times a month.

The holiday season is fast approaching, any advice for dressing for family functions?

The holiday season can be stressful, especially with so many family functions to dress for, but I always like to pick a few basics

and remix them with different accessories. Take a basic skirt, dress, silk blouse, and cardigan with some different jewelry, scarves, or headpieces and you are set. For the holidays, stick with colors and patterns like burgundy, gold, polka dots, and glitter and always pick what you are comfortable in, so your confidence shows through during the holiday season.

What is your favorite go-to outfit?

My favorite go-to outfit would have to be my Lucky Brand jeans, Cole Haan oxfords, with a sweater and statement necklace. Classic yet extremely comfortable.

We all love to go to parties, but dressing up every weekend can be a pain. What do you do to mix things up?

Going out on the weekends can be dilemmas for us all. I have my basic go-to party wardrobe that consists of a black skirt, dark denim, and an array of silk blouses. I am a huge advocate of accessories, and it's the easiest way to create new outfits with the same items you already own. Throw on a different pair of heels or flats, change up your hair and lipstick, and every weekend can be something new.

What are you going to be for Halloween? Do you make your own costumes?

Halloween is a great way to express your personality, and is always so much fun to dress up! I like to be comfortable, so I usually buy a few things to mix and match with items I already own instead of the store bought costumes. This year, I have a few costume choices with apparel and accessories I have mixed and matched from stores like Forever 21 and American Apparel. A ballerina, football player, and a rocker will be my choices this year.

If you want to learn more about Kate's style, visit her website at www.givenchicgirl.com or her Instagram account, [kate_oregan](https://www.instagram.com/kate_oregan).

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Halloween movies to watch

From frightful to fun, check out these 10 films

by Tori Stringer
Staff Writer

1. *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*

This is a Halloween classic. Linus's undying hope in the great pumpkin and Charlie Brown's inability to make a proper ghost costume never gets old year after year.

2. *Halloweentown*

This is good old classic Disney Channel. It's a fun-loving tale of a young witch's coming of age mixed with humor and fun creatures that is guaranteed to leave viewers smiling.

3. *Edward Scissorhands*

If you love Johnny Depp, this is a must-see. His performance is brilliant in this heartwarming tale of a scientist's creation trying to assimilate to society with scissors for hands.

4. *Hocus Pocus*

With unforgettable performances by Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker, and Kathy Najimy as the Sanderson sisters, this movie will put a spell on you.

5. *The Nightmare Before Christmas*

Don't let the title fool you—this movie is the perfect bridge between two holidays. Satisfy your Halloween fix while getting ready for the imminent Christmas season!

by Jazo Moises
Detour Editor

1. *The Shining*

Stephen King always has this knack of having his novels being turned into film. Jack Nicholson impresses in this movies, as well as delivers a famous movie quote: "Here's Johnny!"

2. *The Blair Witch Project*

I watched this movie before *Paranormal Activity*, and I still think that this is the better of the two. The home-video style of filming is sure to fright you.

3. *Nightmare on Elm Street*

Freddy Krueger is sure to fright you in your dreams after you go to sleep. It also stars Johnny Depp in his feature film debut.

4. *Saw*

The intricacy and wit in Jigsaw's traps are sure to keep you on the edge of your seat throughout the film. "There will be blood," indeed.

5. *Signs*

It's not the scariest, but if you're afraid of aliens, it might freak you out. Starring Mel Gibson and one of M. Night Shyamalan's film successes, it's sure to entertain your Halloween night.

Lost in the maize

East Bay attraction serves cheap scares

by Bridget Hanna
Contributing Writer

The G&M Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch in Livermore is a fun Halloween-themed attraction that draws people of all ages for entertainment and pleasure. Every year, the maze is mapped out according to a specific theme, and this year was centered appropriately on the upcoming presidential election. It has the layout of an American Flag, complete with stars and a motto bearing the single word "VOTE." This corn maze has been voted "Best Seasonal Attraction" in the East Bay by *Diablo Magazine*, an accomplishment that is well-deserved.

During the day, this Halloween-spirited spot brings young children to wander around and play around the corn. At night, however, the theme completely changes. The maze becomes a haunted nightmare, full of shadowy twists and unexpected monsters ready to jump out and startle the people roaming around the maze. These monsters, some equipped with a toy chainsaw that makes actual chainsaw noises, can be quite terrifying as

they lurk throughout looking to attack their next victims. This makes for a great treat for Halloween, similar to the thrill one might get at Great America's Haunt or the Six Flags Fright Fest.

Opinion Editor Sara DeSantis visited the corn maze and was terrified of one of the monsters that appeared out of nowhere to frighten her. Unfortunately, for her, the night she went to the G&M Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch was one of the nights that children and teens were revealing where each monster was hiding and where the dead ends were located. The kids that crowded around the "Monsters in the Maze" in order to take pictures with the maze's creatures were the ones that were giving the secrets away. This makes the anticipation of the maze fall short and appear less exciting.

Grade: B+



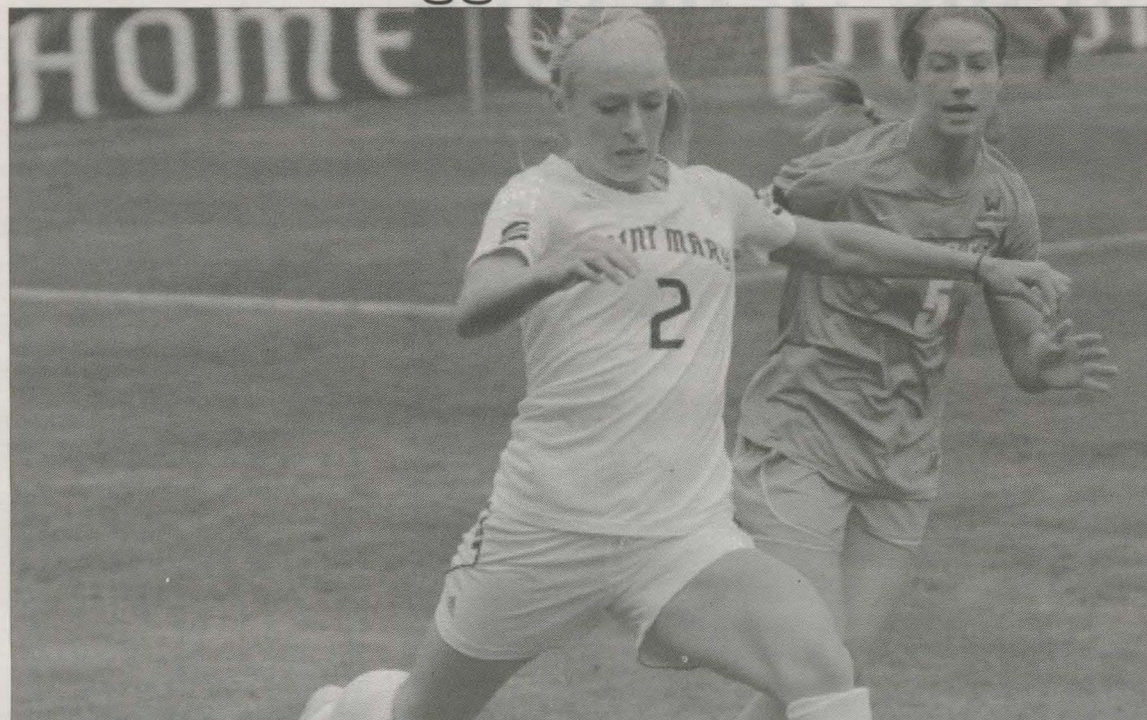
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SPORTS

Women's soccer shut down by No. 5 BYU

Offensive struggles continue as Gaels fall for third straight game



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Melinda Madden had two shots on goal for the Gaels but was unable to find the back of the net versus BYU.

NBA: Rough time ahead for small city NBA teams

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the program, usually not paying much attention to the location (as my roommate constantly points out, there is nothing in Kentucky). Aside from the 2007 "We Believe" run, the Golden State Warriors have been sup-par for as long as I can remember. But then, this past summer to the surprise of no one, the new ownership group has announced a plan to build a privately financed water-front arena on the south side of the Bay Bridge.

It doesn't take much to realize that playing in an old arena

in the middle of a parking lot and a Coliseum that looks like a parking structure in the middle of a downtrodden area is not as good as playing in an affluent community in a brand new arena that is walking distance from great places such as Pier 39, Union Square, and the financial district. It doesn't take much research to know how Bay Area fans revere their legends (Joe Montana, Willie Mays). In a new arena, and presumably, a re-branded franchise, a star player could eas-

ily come in to be the face of the franchise.

With a new general manager and new ownership, the Warriors had a solid draft and are putting together a playoff caliber team, amid nothing that the Lakers & Thunder have. However, the foundation is being laid out so that the Warriors have success in the future. And, as the NBA has recently shown us, building a foundation in San Francisco is as equally important as having a great draft.

Runners solid in WCC tourney

Pannu finishes eighth place in Portland



Courtesy of smcgaels.com

Rajpaul Pannu finished in eight place overall for Saint Mary's.

by Simon Trynza

Assistant Sports Editor

On Saturday October 27th, the Saint Mary's Gaels cross country team participated in the West Coast Conference Championships, held at Fernhill Park in Portland. In typical Oregonian fashion, the course was rain-soaked and muddy, another element that made the race more difficult. Each WCC school participated, with nine Gaels running in both the men's

and the women's race.

Rajpaul Pannu, in what was arguably the most difficult Championship field in history, finished eighth overall with a time of 24:10. "He slipped and fell in the mud after mile two, dropped back to 12, 13 and was strong enough to finish the top ten," said associate head coach Mark Carberry. "Raj continues to impress me at every race."

Sophomore Nick Ellingson set

a personal best time of 24:48 that not only lowered his sophomore school record but placed him 28th overall in the race. Freshmen David Salas and Zach Hansen placed 43rd & 45th overall.

The men's team finished in sixth place with 160 points, making it the first time the Gaels have beaten three or more conference opponents in the WCC Championship race since 2000.

The women's team, led by sophomore Cristina Garcia finished in 8th place, the team's best result since 2006. Garcia placed 45th overall with a time of 22:23. Freshmen Carina Novell and Katie Alioto came in 59th and 60th while junior Alicia Doohan placed 64th.

While hoping for at least a seventh place finish, head coach Marty Kinsey was still happy with his team's performance, saying: "we're a very young and rapidly improving team who will make big splashes at this conference race in the near future."

The Gaels wrap up the season in Seattle at the NCAA West Regional meet hosted by the University of Washington.

by George Robles

Sports Editor

The Saint Mary's women's soccer team traveled to Provo, Utah and had a rough game this past Saturday against No. 5 Brigham Young University where they would get shut out 0-5. The Cougars got the first score early on when they hit the back of the net in the 13th minute.

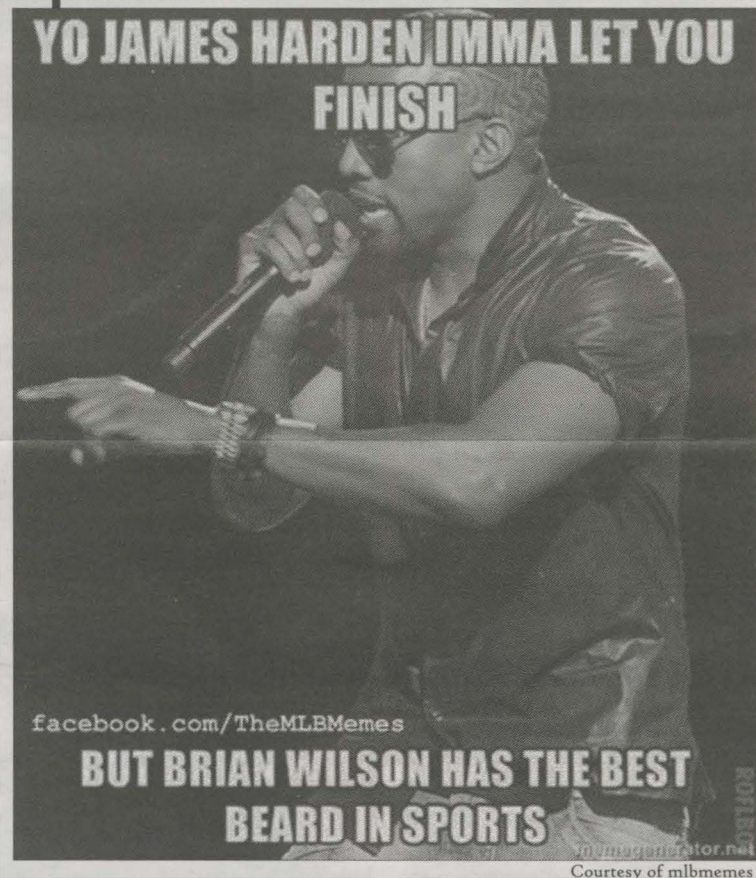
The Gaels fought back for a while, holding BYU scoreless for 30 minutes until they went up 2-0 in the 43rd minute. They then added three more in the 49th, 66th, and 71st minutes of the game. They finished with a 16-6 shot advantage over the

Gaels, who have now lost five in a row.

The Gaels defense had a tough day, allowing the most goals of the season and have now been shut out three games in a row. Goalie Kayla Jones had five saves on the day, while playing all 90 minutes.

Next up the Gaels will play their final games of the season when they travel to Southern California on Thursday to play Pepperdine at 3:00pm and then return to Moraga on Saturday against Santa Clara at 12:00pm. Saint Mary's record falls to 6-10-2 with only one win in the WCC while BYU improves to 16-1-1 and undefeated in the WCC.

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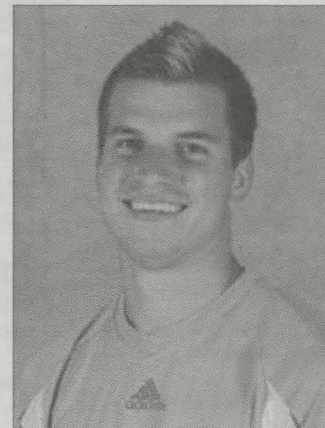


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Nathan Arambula

Men's Soccer

The senior had two assists in a win over Gonzaga and scored the first goal in a 3-2 victory over Portland.



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Gaels heating up at the right time

Men's soccer winners of four in a row with rout of Gonzaga and Portland



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Trevor Newquist had a solid week for the Gaels, scoring one against Gonzaga and had big defensive plays in a win over Portland.

by Simon Trynza

Assistant Sports Editor

Following a bye week, Saint Mary's men's soccer found themselves in need of a second-half push in order to defend their title and make the NCAA Tournament once more. Despite being in third place, the Gaels still had half a season to come out on top. However, the push for the title defense could not have gotten off to a worse start when Gonzaga's Lars Ludwigs found some space and buried a shot from ten yards out into the lower left corner of the net fifteen minutes into the game. However, Saint Mary's would control possession and force the Bulldogs to clear the ball out of bounds multiple times.

tiple times.

In the 37th minute, after the ball was cleared, senior defender Nathan Arambula threw in a deep throw in that substitute Michael Semenza was able to tap into the back of the net. "I was at the back post and Trevor was at the front post," said Semenza. "He's the big man and I'm the small man, so I make my run off him. Somehow it got over three defenders, no one picked me up and I put it in with my boots."

Just four minutes later, the same sequence occurred. After a Gonzaga clearance, Arambula's throw in found senior captain Trevor Newquist who buried a header from five yards out to give Saint Mary's a 2-1 lead.

Despite a few chances in the

second half, neither team was able to score as the Gaels hung on for a crucial 2-1 victory. "The win gives us another three points that keep us in the hunt," said Saint Mary's head coach Adam Cooper. "I'm proud of the guys for finding a way to win today."

Two days later, the Gaels hosted the Portland Pilots who picked up big win on the road when they defeated Santa Clara on national television Friday night. In the 43rd minute, Nathan Arambula continued his stellar weekend with a header goal off a Riley Hanley cross. That was Arambula's fourth goal of the year. In the fifty fifth minute, Portland equalized the match with a goal by Por Carrillo off a Jamie Velasco cross. Two minutes later, the Gaels would

answer with Bobby Conner converting off a Jose Cabeza header goal. Portland, however, would equalize the match once more in the 64th minute, despite losing Por Carrillo when he picked up a second yellow.

Up a man with twenty five minutes left, the Gaels were able to equalize the match when Tariq Adam scored from twelve yards out to give Saint Mary's a 3-2 lead. Adam's fourth goal of the year was the game winner and gave the Gaels the six points they desperately needed. Furthermore, it extended their winning streak to four games. With the win, Saint Mary's improves to 5-2-1 in WCC and 9-3-3 overall. They next travel to Santa Clara for a huge Halloween night contest.

The NBA: Why big city teams have more success

Warriors make right decision to move team to San Francisco

by Simon Trynza

Assistant Sports Editor

Those who know me know that I love basketball. Those who know me also know that I am not a big fan of the NBA. The NBA has become a league of "haves" and "have nots." The Los Angeles Lakers have a star studded lineup featuring four players who could individually get a franchise into the playoffs. The Sacramento Kings have... Jimmer. The Brooklyn Nets have a new arena and a strong duo of Deron Williams and Joe Johnson. The Charlotte Bobcats have... Michael Jordan, amid not in their starting lineup. There is no parity in the NBA. If your team has stars (note multiple) then your team is in a favorable position. Now you can get your stars via the draft like the Oklahoma City Thunder, or you can buy your players like the Miami Heat. However, with a salary cap, there are only so many players you can buy. Now this is where one of the most important aspects of the NBA comes to play: location is everything.

If I am a star, I would rather get paid a little bit less and play in a glamorous city such as Los Angeles instead of Detroit. This significantly differs from college basketball where players go to play for a certain coach and

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No. 25 Volleyball rolls against San Francisco

Gaels have now won eight of ten games, tough road stretch up next

by George Robles

Sports Editor

The Saint Mary's volleyball team had a successful last week when they swept Bay Area rivals Santa Clara 3-0 (25-15, 25-20, 25-23) and San Francisco 3-0 (25-22, 25-20, 29-27).

Jordan Shaw led the Gaels in the South Bay matchup as she had nine kills and 15 digs. Lauren Corp, Gabby Jolly and Samantha Tinsley each had eight kills a piece. As a team Saint Mary's hit .340, while holding the Broncos to .153 hitting percentage. "I feel we executed our game plan really well. There were some ups and downs, but overall we executed well enough to beat a good team in three," Jolly said to smcgaels.com.

The Gaels then returned to

Moraga to face USF where they would win a hard fought battle. Saint Mary's was led by Jolly who had 15 kills and three blocks with Corp adding 12 kills. In the first set, the Gaels controlled the tempo, but the Dons stayed within striking distance the entire set. Missy White made sure the Gaels would maintain a late lead with a late ace to give them the first set.

In the second, the red and blue had to make a late 5-0 run to take a late 23-20 lead and then cruised to the second set. After the break, the Gaels had a tough time closing out USF, but were finally able to end the match on a Samantha Tinsley block.

The Gaels improve their record to 13-9 and 8-3 in West Coast Conference play. This week they will travel to Malibu to face Pepperdine on Thursday at 7:00pm.



Kristina Graven throws down one of her eight kills against San Francisco.

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